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## **U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs Visited Bolivia to Discuss Bilateral Relations**

The U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs Thomas Shannon and the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) William McGlynn visited Bolivia July 22-24.

Both high-ranking U.S. Department of State officers met with President Evo Morales and other members of his cabinet to discuss bilateral relations and counternarcotics programs.

Thomas A. Shannon was confirmed as Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs on October 7, 2005. A career member of the Senior Foreign Service, Mr. Shannon served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs on the National Security Council from 2003 to 2005.

From 2002 to 2003, he was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Western Hemisphere Affairs at the Department of State, where he was Director of Andean Affairs from 2001 to 2002. He was U.S. Deputy Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States (OAS) from 2000 to 2001. He served as Director for Inter-American Affairs on the National Security Council from 1999 to 2000; as Political Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Caracas, Venezuela from 1996 to 1999; and as Regional Labor Attaché at the U.S. Consulate General in Johannesburg, South Africa from 1992 to 1996.

William McGlynn joined INL in June, 2008. Prior to that, he was Coordinator of the Foreign Policy Advisor Program in the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs. Mr. McGlynn served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Portugal during 2001-2004. His other overseas assignments include Haiti, Gabon, the U.S. Mission to the European Union in Brussels, and Austria. In Washington, McGlynn has been Executive Assistant to the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs; Advisor on Policy and Resources to the Deputy Secretary; Deputy Director for Latin American Programs in the Bureau of International Narcotics Affairs; Military and Economic Assistance Advisor in the Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs; and a Country Officer for Greece.